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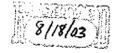
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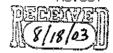
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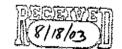
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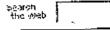
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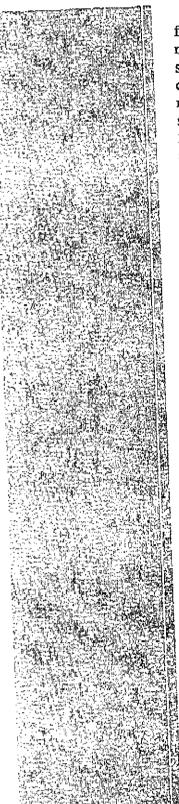
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Further more I still am trying to figure out why you are afraid of commercial fisherman? It is time the industry went the way of the buggy whip.

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I live in NC and fish up and down the East Coast. I have reported many violations committed by commercial fisherman, (and to this day nothing has ever been done) as far as I am concerned most of them have no regard for the law and do what the want, and you allow them to get away with it. LETS START ENFORCING THE LAWS.

Sincerely;

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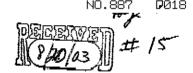
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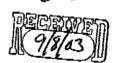
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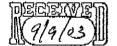
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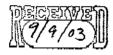
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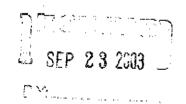
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